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Attention: The Examiner Lloyd A. Gall

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Re: In re application of United States Patent Application No. 10/018,998  
Filed: 12/26/2001  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION**

Your Office Communication of January 23, 2003 is hereby  
acknowledged.

**EXTENSION OF TIME**

A Bank cheque of USD 55,00 is enclosed herewith to claim an  
extension of time of one month to respond to this office action.

**ELECTION OF THE INVENTION TO BE EXAMINED**

The Examiner has required that the applicant elects an invention to  
be examined amongst six groups of different species; he has considered  
the present application to contain.

In compliance with the Examiner's advise as to that the reply to  
this requirement to be complete must include an election of the  
invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed  
(37 CFR 1.143), the applicant hereby states that he wishes the first  
species outlined by the Examiner, namely the species of Figs. 3-5 with  
corresponding claims 1,3,6,11 and 13 and thereby elects this species